



*I am bringing you good news
of great joy*

LUKE 2:10

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The Nativity of Our Lord

December 24, 2025

6:00pm and 8:00pm

Welcome to Worship This Holy Night!

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If you are a visitor, please know how happy we are to share this worship with you. Please sign the guest register at the entrance or fill out an “Our Welcomed Guest” card from the pew and place it in the offering plate.

The **worship bulletin** is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response. **Large print copies** of our worship service and **wireless sound enhancers** are available. Throughout the bulletin you will note two symbols that denote when the congregation is invited to stand (▲) or be seated (▼) as your body allows. We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of **Holy Communion** and we extend our Lord’s invitation to all who are baptized to share in this are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please contact an usher if you need **communed in the pew**.

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6:00pm Live Broadcast, 98.7FM, 107.5FM, 1480AM, 910AM; 8:00pm

Livestream @ www.trinitylatrobe.com

Service of Holy Communion

(ELW Setting 3)

In winter’s deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus’ birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

Prelude and Silent Prayer

“Still, Still, Still”

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (6pm only)

“O Holy Night”

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

“Mary, Did You Know?” (6pm only)

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

“Innkeeper”

arr. Moglebust

arr. Krug

arr. Smith

arr. Eithun

arr. Wissinger

arr. Raney

arr. Eithun

Emerson

Trinity Ringers

Choir Chimes

Christina Andrae

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Youth Choir

(at the end of the bell peal, please stand or remain seated as your body allows)

GATHERING
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

▲ Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty Savior,
Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God, we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.

God's grace upon grace flows over you.
✙ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.
Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!
Amen.

▲ Gathering Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ELW #283

(please turn and follow the cross in procession)

▲ Greeting

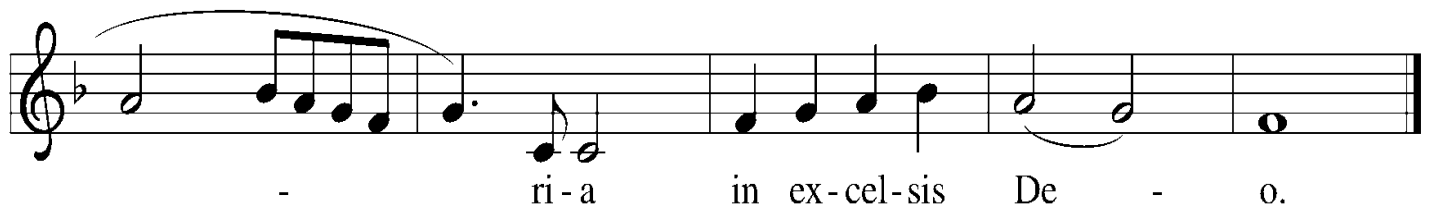
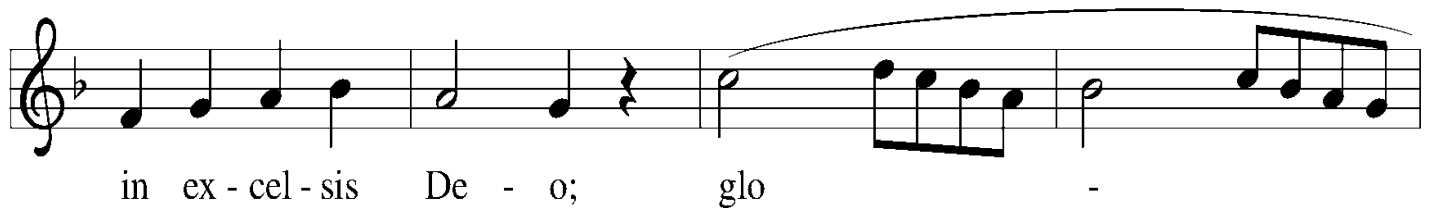
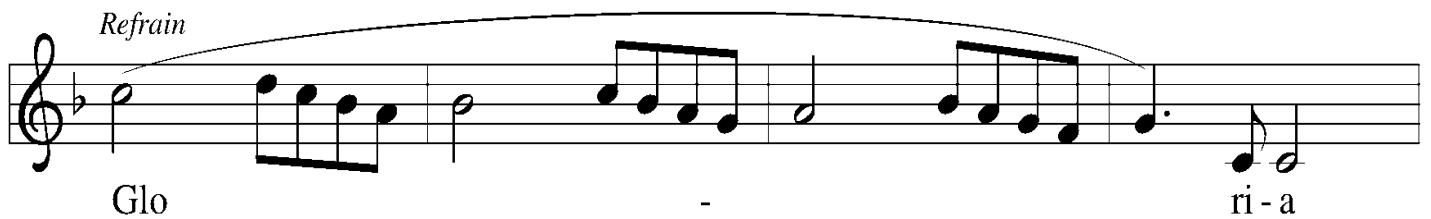
Rejoice! I bring good news for all people.
To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.
And also with you.



- 1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
- 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
- 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



▲Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

▼Children's Message

▼First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Isaiah addresses these words to the parts of Israel that were particularly close to foreign powers and to trade routes, and therefore particularly vulnerable to invasion and oppression. These people are especially in need of assurance that God's promises of safety and of a strong, protective ruler would be fulfilled.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

▼Anthem “Jesus Comes, the Mystery Proclaiming” Beall/Carter Choir

▼ Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

In the book of Titus, the apostle encourages the young church to hold fast to the faith, avoid behavior that would needlessly offend outsiders, and live at unity with each other. He grounds this behavior in God's grace shown in the Incarnation of Jesus.

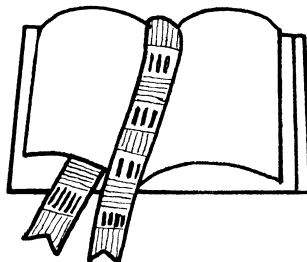
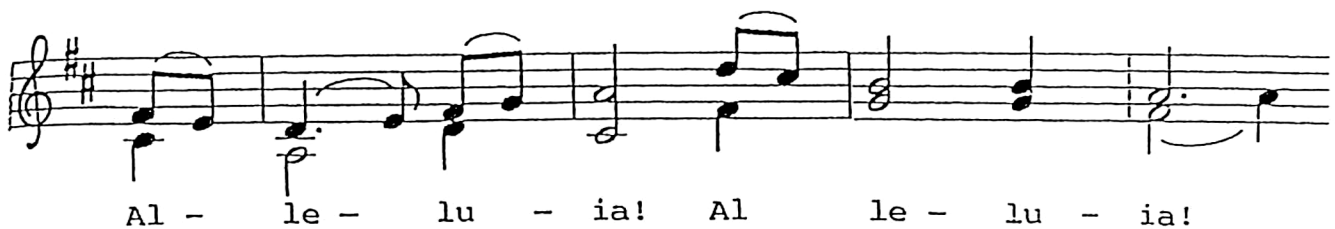
¹¹ The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹² training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

¹⁴ He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

▲ Gospel Acclamation

(please turn to follow the cross in procession)



▲ Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Luke describes how God arranges things to mesh with the divine intention. An edict involving the whole empire forces Joseph and Mary to have their child in Bethlehem (David's home town) rather than Nazareth. The child is laid in a manger, where the shepherds find him, bringing an end to Isaiah's complaint: "the donkey knows its master's crib; but Israel does not know, my people do not understand." (1:3)

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 2nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room. ⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, ¹⁹ and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

▼ Sermon

Pastor Jess Felici

▲ Hymn of the Day

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

ELW #270

▲Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People (*please kneel or remain seated as your body allows*)

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

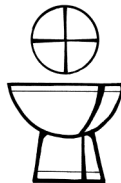
▲The Peace

May the peace sung by the angels be with you always. And also with you.

(*share God's peace with one another and then be seated*)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



▼ Gathering of Gifts

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.



If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online. You may then place a giving card from the pew in the offering plate as it passes by.

▼ Anthem

“God’s Delight at Bethlehem”

O’Brien

Choir

▲ Offertory

“What Child is This?”

ELW #296



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y’s lap is sleep - ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

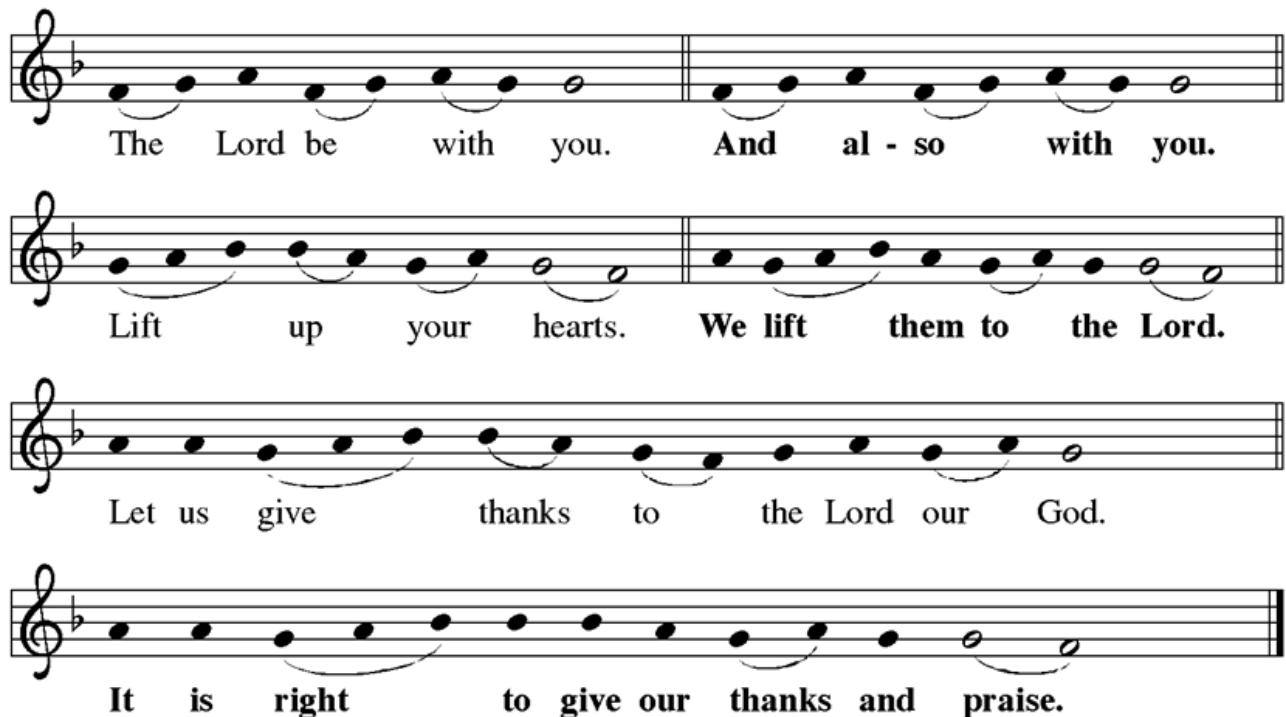


haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

▲Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of glory, **great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.**
Amen.

▲Great Thanksgiving



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The third staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The fourth staff has a double bar line after the first measure.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,
that, beholding the God made visible,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

▲ Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes with some rests. The lyrics are printed below each staff, aligned with the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

(continued)

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember
your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death
and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

▲Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

▲ Invitation to Communion

God is now in flesh appearing.
Come to the feast of joy!

▲ Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

▼ Distribution of Communion

*Holy Communion is offered for all who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. The distribution this night will be by intinction. Receive the communion wafer (body of Christ) into your hand. Dip the wafer into the chalice of wine (blood of Christ) held by a liturgical deacon. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you cannot receive one element of this meal, please be assured that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine. If you desire to receive communion in the pew, please alert an usher. Those not communing (adults and children) are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please fill out the **white communion envelope** and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher so that we have record of your presence on this Holy Night.*

▼ Communion Hymns

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”
“Away in a Manger”

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▲ Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

▼ Anthem

“Christmas Canon”

Hopson

Choir

▲ Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Incarnate God, **you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

▲ Blessing

The triune God, glorious Mystery,
holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter,
✙ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.
Amen.

▲ Sending Hymn

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

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Our sending hymn and traditional recessional for the 6:00pm service and the 8:00pm service will differ.

6:00pm: *The recessional will be traditional. As we sing the hymn, the Crucifer and Acolytes, Choir, Liturgical Deacons, Pastor Jason, and Pastor Jess will recess to the entrance of the church and the Dismissal will follow.*

8:00pm: *We will conclude our service in candlelight. Prior to singing of our hymn, the procedure to light your individual candles is this: From the center candle of the Advent Wreath, the minister will light a large candle, which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world. The Deacons, Acolytes, and Ushers will light their candles from the minister’s candle and then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle.*

The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when sharing the light to another. You will tilt your candle to receive the flame.

As we sing the hymn, the Crucifer, Acolytes, Liturgical Deacons, Pastor Jason, and Pastor Jess will recess to the entrance of the church and the Dismissal will follow.

Please extinguish your candle before leaving your pew.

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

▲ Dismissal

Glory to God in the highest! **And peace to God's people on earth!**
 Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace. **Thanks be to God.**

THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of my beloved husband, William Morgan, and in memory of his father, Frederick A. Morgan, given by Cheryl Morgan.

THE BROADCAST THIS NIGHT is dedicated to the Glory of God in celebration of Madilyn Marie Arbore on her Third Birthday, given by her loving grandparents, Beth Ann and Chuck Arbore.

THE “PEACE and “JOY” YARD SIGNS in the Reiner Garten are to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for his gift, Jesus Christ! Also, in memory of our parents, Jack and Phyllis Jones and Victor and Rose DeBacco, and Mark’s sister, Holly Kmetz, as well as our friends and family that have entered the Church Triumphant since Christmas 2024, from Mark and Kathy Jones.

Serving this Night

Preaching:	Pastor Jess Felici	Presiding:	Pastor Jason Felici
Director of Music:	Debbie Morley		
Lectors:	6:00pm: Donna Showalter		
	8:00pm: Jean Sorbera		
Liturgical Deacons:	6:00pm: Kathe Houck, Sandy Redinger		
	8:00pm: Kathe Houck, Evan Stemler		
Ushers:	6:00pm: Herb Harris, Linda McDowell		
	8:00pm: Steve & Kennette Grohal		
Acolytes:	6:00pm: Mallory Hudson, Madison McLain, Kaden Shannon		
	8:00pm: Lucas Grohal, Alex Grohal, Mallory Hudson, Matt Macey, Julia Macey, Kaden Shannon		
Gift Presenters:	6:00pm: Glenn Gold, Anna Hudec, Jessica Gold		
	8:00pm:		

GREAT and MANY THANKS TO ALL who serve so wonderfully in so many ways to make this worship such a blessing: the choirs and musicians, the decorating committee, acolytes, lectors, liturgical deacons, and ushers. God bless you all!

Please join us tomorrow morning at 10:00am as we celebrate the greatest gift of all at our Christmas Day worship service of Holy Communion.

From our Pastors: We thank you for joining us in worship on this holy night. We give thanks to God for all of the ways Trinity has blessed our community and our family, and we look forward with great hope as we enter 2026. Merry Christmas! Love, Pastor Jason, Pastor Jess, Emma, Eli, and Noah Felici.

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